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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: SUGUST 16 NAC MEETING

DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

REF: USNATO 4433

BEGIN SUMMARY: NAC MET AT 1530 AUGUST 16 SO THAT SYG LUNS
COULD BRIEF MEMBERS ON HIS EFFORTS REGARDING CYPRUS SINCE AUGUST 14.
LUNS DESCRIBED HIS CONTACTS WITH CALLAGHAN, GREEK
GOVERNEMTN AND SEVERAL AMBASSADORS IN A GENERAL WAY.
NO ONE PRESSED GREECE FOR A FURTHER EXPLANATION OF GREEK ANNOUNCEMENT
TO WITHDRAW FROM MILITARY SIDE OF NATO, OR FOR GREEK PLANS ON
TIMING OR IMPLEMENTATION. MEETING WAS BRIEF, LASTING ONE-HALF
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HOUR. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS CALLED A MEETNG OF THE NAC AT 1530 TO BRIEF
MEMBERS ON HIS EFFORTS RE CYPRUS SINCE INTERRUPTION OF HIS

VACATION AUGUST 14. THE DAY HE RETURNED HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH PERMREPS OF GREECE, TURKEY, UK BELGUIM AND FRG. HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH FRG AND UK GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS, AND THROUGHT THE US CHARGE WAS IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AND THROUGH HIM SECRETARY KISSINGER. LUNS SAID HE HAD ENVISAGED UNDER HIS WATCHING BRIEF A TRIP TO ATHENS AND ANKARA IF GREEK-TURKISH- AND UK GOVERNMENTS THOUGHT THAT WOULD SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND THE ALLIANCE. IN ALL JIS CONTACTS LUNS DETECTED A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD INGERITED THE PRESENT PROBLEM AND WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. LUNS CONFERRED YESTERDAY WITH CALLAGHAN AND OTHER HIGH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS.

2. LUNS NOTED THAT GENERAL GOODPASTER WAS IN TOUCH WITH GREEK MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HE QUOTED GREEK DEFENSE MINISTERS MESSAGE TO SACEUR WHICH STATED THAT GOG DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO IS IRREVOCABLE UNLESS PRESENT FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AND POSITIONS OF ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CHANGE. LUNS NOTED IN PASSING THAT MEMBERS OF THE ALLINACE HAVE TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF GREEK DECISION, AND THAT FRANCE HAD GIVEN ONE YEARS NOTICE WHEN IT DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM INTEGRATED MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. LUNS REPORTED HE HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GREEK GOVERNEMENT, AND HE NOTED THE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF PRESENT SITUATION ON GREEK PUBLIC OPINION. HE PRAISED THE KARAMANLIS SPEECH OF LAST NIGHT AND THE WISE AND PAINFUL DECISION WHICH IT REPRESENTED. LUNS ALSO NOTED THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD ANNOUNCED A CEASE FIRE FOR 1700 BRUSSELS TIME. HE MENTIONED THE CALL OF THE EC-9 FOR AN END TO THE FIGHTING. HE REPEATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE ONLY SOLUTIN WAS TO BE FOUND AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

3. DESTAERCKE (BELGIUM) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD INTERRUPTED HIS VACATION AND LENT HIS OWN AUTHORITY TO NATOS EFFORT TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. HE CONGRATULATED THE UK FOR ITS TIRELESS EFFORTS TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. HE HOPED THAT THE GREEK ATTITUDE ON NATO WOULD BE MADE MORE EXPLICIT, AND HE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF
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MULTILATERAL DECISIONS.

4. MCAULIFFE (US) SUGGESTED AUTHORIZING THE NATO SPOKESMAN TO INITIATE A SIMPLE FACTUAL STATEMENT ON THE MEETING. NAC AGREED TO THE STATEMENT SUGGESTED BY MCAULIFFE WITH A FEW MINOR REVISIONS. STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:" THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MET THIS AFTERNOON TO HEAR A REPORT FROM SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS ON HIS RECENT DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES, AND TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION." MCAULIFFE

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